

SALINA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
--MEETING MINUTES--
Meeting Room 105
July 10, 2007

Commissioners Present:

Tony Blair Richard Frye
Sidney Gray Jan Mendell
David Norlin

Commissioners Absent

Gina McDonald
Maribel Panuco

Staff Present

Kaye Crawford, Executive Director
Sandra Beverly, Equal Opportunity Specialist
Dina Giron, Human Relations Specialist
Kat Livingood, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Vice Chairman Frye called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and requested Ms Livingood take roll call.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chairman Frye called for approval of the agenda as written. Commissioner Blair made motion for approval of the agenda and motion was seconded by Commissioner Norlin. The motion carried by vote of the full commission.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Vice Chairman Frye called for approval of the minutes for the June 2007 meeting. Commissioner Blair made motion to approve the minutes as written, and Commissioner Gray seconded the motion. The full commission carried the motion.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Commissioner Rotation:

Director Crawford went over the present status of Commission membership. Two commissioners have resigned their seats in the past three months, and Chairwoman McDonald will be going off the Commission in August, having served the maximum number of terms. The Director did express her appreciation that Commissioners Blair and Gray have indicated their desire to remain on the commission to the Mayor, as their terms expire next month. Director Crawford reported that the problem now is finding three more individuals who can bring the necessary diversity and dedication to the commission. She requested the commissioners provide the Expression of Interest forms to anyone they feel would be willing to serve.

HUD Funding:

A call was received by Kaye Crawford from the Director of the Kansas City HUD Office, requesting proposals for community projects be submitted immediately for funding. Office staff set to work writing up projects, and have submitted six projects for funding.

Public Relations Specialist Position

An update on progress in hiring the new position was requested from Commissioner Norlin. Kaye Crawford reported that until the problem of office space for the new position is solved, the position cannot be filled. She discussed the logistical and financial problems that are manifest when attempting to increase the size of the current office. When asked if the job description included the ability to speak Spanish, she said that it was desirable, but certainly not demanded.

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NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming Community Events:

July 30, 2007 – Town Hall Meeting, “Community Conversation about Racial Profiling.”
Sponsored by the Racial Profiling Task Force and the City of Salina, the Town Hall will be held at the Salina Bicentennial Center. There will be a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. and then a Task Force meeting from 2 to 4 p.m. At 5 p.m. the Town Hall Meeting officially will begin and opened to the public.

August 4, 2007 – 2007 Back to School Fair at the Salina Bicentennial Center. Dina Giron will represent the Human Relations Commission and hand out informational packets on fair housing. Promotional items included are pencils, drink bottle lanyards and a HUD’s ‘Fair Franklin’ coloring book produced in the department. All publications will be stowed in a nifty bag with ‘Fair Franklin’ printed on it. Dina anticipates needing to make up at least 500 bags to be handed out, and will make nearly half of these for Hispanic-reading/speaking families.

September 16, 2007 – Second Hispanic Heritage Celebration, to be held in Oakdale Park at the Eric Stein Stage. Details will be released as they are finalized.

September 22, 2007 – N.A.A.C.P. Block Party. Sandy will report on this event as more details are made available.

October 19, 2007 - Breast Cancer Awareness forum with Tammy Walker Cancer Center.

OLD BUSINESS

Juneteenth Celebration

Dina Giron gave a short PowerPoint presentation on the Juneteenth Celebration, and thanked Commissioner Gray for her participation.

RECCR Training

Kaye Crawford reminded all to let her know if they needed registered for the August 22-24 training in Kansas City.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Gray announced that the Annual ADA Celebration will be held July 27th, at Friendship Center, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Richard Frye, Vice Chairman

Kaye Crawford, Director